



**AN ORDINANCE**

**BY COUNCILMEMBER CLAIR MULLER**

**01- 0 -0710**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE RATE  
STRUCTURE FOR WATER RATES CHARGED  
TO RETAIL WATER CUSTOMERS OF THE  
CITY OF ATLANTA WATER SYSTEM SO AS  
TO IMPLEMENT A UNIFORM PRICE PER  
UNIT OF WATER**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta, as a regional water provider, has responsibility to manage water resources in order to serve over one million customers daily; and

**WHEREAS**, metropolitan Atlanta and the State of Georgia have experienced severe and prolonged drought conditions over the past three years; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of conservation measures have been put in place including Care & Conserve, Xeriscape programs and outdoor watering restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the fact that there are limitations on our water resources and there are additional tools available to curb consumption; and

**WHEREAS**, the pricing structure for water, as with most commodities, can have an impact on the quantities used by consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1986 the majority of water utilities in the U. S. have moved away from a "declining block" rate structure (the unit price drops the more water that is used), and have adopted uniform rates (unit price remains the same regardless of the quantity used) and "inclining block" rates (unit price increases with the quantity used).

**WHEREAS**, only 39.2% of U.S. water utilities still have a declining block rate, 38.1% have a uniform rate, and 22.7% charge an inclining rate for water.



**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA  
GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** That the monthly and bimonthly water rates for domestic, commercial, institutional, industrial and other customers within the City of Atlanta shall be \$1.65 per hundred cubic feet effective **September 1, 2001** for all billing cycles commencing on or after **September 1, 2001**.

**SECTION 2:** That the monthly and bimonthly water rates for all retail domestic, commercial, institutional, industrial and other customers of the Atlanta water system in Fulton County outside of the City of Atlanta shall be \$2.00 per hundred cubic feet effective **September 1, 2001** for all billing cycles commencing on or after **September 1, 2001**.

**SECTION 3:** That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Amendment Incorporated by tcp 7/25/01

A true copy,

*Rhonda Daughin Johnson*  
Municipal Clerk, CMC

**ADOPTED as amended by the Council  
APPROVED by the Mayor**

JUL 16, 2001  
JUL 24, 2001

RCS# 3004  
7/16/01  
3:29 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

01-O-0710

Implement uniform rate structure for  
water rates to retail customers  
ADOPT AS AMEND

YEAS: 12  
NAYS: 1  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 2  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

Y McCarty	Y Dorsey	N Moore	Y Thomas
Y Starnes	Y Woolard	NV Martin	Y Emmons
Y Bond	B Morris	Y Maddox	Y Alexander
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Pitts

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ADOPTED BY  
JUL 16 2001  
COUNCIL

*As Amended*

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
- ☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
- ☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- ☒ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 5/7/01

Referred To: City Utilities

Date Referred

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First Reading

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred to \_\_\_\_\_

Committee City Utilities  
Date 5-15-01  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: For Public Hearing  
Members \_\_\_\_\_

Committee City Utilities  
Date 7-10-01  
Chair Clair Muller  
Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Members \_\_\_\_\_

Refer To \_\_\_\_\_

Committee City Utilities  
Date 6-12-01  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: Public Hearing Held  
Members \_\_\_\_\_

Refer To \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☒ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd  
Readings  
☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☒ RC Vote

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JUL 16 2001  
ATLANTA CITY COMMISSIONER  
*Richard A. ...*

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JUL 16 2001  
*Rhonda ...*  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

APPROVED  
JUL 24 2001  
*[Signature]*  
MAYOR